

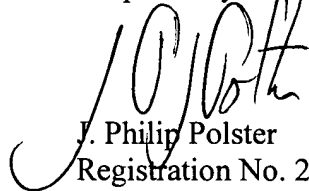
REMARKS

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-18). Claims 19-24 have been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

Applicants elect the species of penicillins from the anti-infectives and lactobacillus from the microorganisms if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. All of the claims presently pending are believed to be readable on this species.

In its broad aspects, the present invention is not limited to particular anti-infectives or particular microorganisms. Claim 1 has been amended, merely to clarify the relationship between the anti-infective and the microorganism in the claimed combination. It is believed that the disclosure provides a clear written description that the invention embraces a wide range of anti-infectives and a wide range of microorganisms which are susceptible to the anti-infective but which would prevent or minimize adverse effects of the anti-infective, commensurate in scope with claims 1 and 15. See, for example, page 12, lines 8-11. It is also believed that the disclosure provides enablement for the broad invention as set out in claims 1 and 15. It is therefore respectfully requested that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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